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In Tokyo, a Symbol Haunted by Past Tojo and Mishima Guide Opponents in Tug-of-War

By David E. Sanger
TOKYO — Forty-five years ago, General Hideki Tojo stood defiantly in the cavernous main hall of the Imperial Army Headquarters...



Wang Dan, a leader of the 1989 pro-democracy movement, with members of his family after being released Wednesday by Chinese authorities.

China Frees 2, Hoping to Appease U.S.

By Lena H. Sun
BEIJING — Snapping up its campaign to impress the new American administration, China released from prison on Wednesday two student leaders who figured prominently in the movement for democratic change...

prompted more than a million people to take to the streets of Beijing in peaceful demonstrations nearly four years ago. Asked whether he would continue fighting for democracy on behalf of China's political prisoners...

White House Is Bracing For Attacks On Tax Hikes

Legislators Say Calls Are Running Heavily Against Proposed Levies
By Thomas L. Friedman
WASHINGTON — The early congressional reaction to President Bill Clinton's economic proposals split along party lines on Wednesday...

UN Halts Aid, Bosnia Calls It 'Blackmail'

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — President Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia accused the United Nations on Wednesday of engaging in "blackmail of the rich against the poor" after UN officials suspended relief operations in the former Yugoslav republic.

"I wonder if this decision has the support of the countries which gave this help," he said. "The UNHCR is not the giver of this aid. This is given by the countries who contributed money for this. I don't know whether Mrs. Ogata has this right."

Announcing the suspension of relief operations, Mrs. Ogata said: "While our efforts have been directed at the victims of this brutal conflict, all parties have been mixing politics with humanitarian relief. The political leaders on all sides have made a mockery of our efforts...



THROWING STONES — A youth on the attack Wednesday near Jerusalem. Fighting worsened in South Lebanon. Page 2.

Sweden's Navy Gets Shoot-to-Kill Order

By Barry James
International Herald Tribune
Defense Minister Anders Björck of Sweden announced a tough policy against intruding foreign submarines Wednesday, saying naval forces would fire newly designed torpedoes without warning against any vessel coming closer than three nautical miles from the coast.

In Spain, Immigrants Work the Plain

By Alan Riding
New York Times Service
EL EJIDO, Spain — Thanks to drip-feed irrigation and plastic-covered greenhouses, the arid coastal plain of Almería has been turned into a farming El Dorado that supplies northern Europe with winter fruit and vegetables and earns \$500 million a year in the process.

responsible for rising unemployment. "They're not taking jobs from Spaniards," said Jesús Parrón, an Almería health official. "They're doing jobs Spaniards don't want."

amnesty program under which working papers were given to 130,000 illegal immigrants, over half of them Moroccans. In the Almería region, some 4,000 foreign farm laborers, again mainly Moroccans, were given the right to work.

Labor Party Gives In on Maastricht

Opposition Labor Party legislators in Britain on Wednesday voted against renewing their efforts to derail ratification of the Maastricht Treaty on European Union.

White Wine, Heartthrob

NEW YORK — White wine, too, benefits the heart when consumed in moderation, researchers report.

Table with financial data including Dow Jones (Up 2.70), Trib Index (Up 0.09%), and various currency exchange rates.

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Korean Nuclear Trouble

This was supposed to be the moment when two retiring democratic leaders, George Bush of the United States and Roh Tae Woo of South Korea, could draw comfort from having begun removing the long-divided Korean Peninsula from the list of world powder kegs. But North Korea threatens to spoil that prospect by its refusal to admit international inspectors to suspected nuclear sites on its territory. Where cooperation had been sought, confrontation now looms — unless North Koreans promptly agree to abide by the international rules.

Conversion on the Hill?

Who says there is never any good news in the papers? Tuesday's Wall Street Journal quoted Robert Byrd, the pork-barreling senator from West Virginia, as saying: "It is not the Senate I once knew. It has lost its soul." If Mr. Byrd is right, President Bill Clinton's economic plan, his deficit reduction goals and his promise of health care reform may have a chance.

Self-Destructing Royalty

In Britain, the odds offered by bookmakers seven weeks ago against doing away with the monarchy by the year 2000 were 100 to 1. Incredibly, they have since fallen to 8 to 1. According to a recent Gallup Poll, only one person in three believes that Britain gets good value from the cost of the royal family, and four in five say too many of the royals lead an idle, jet-set life.

Other Comment

The Risk of Asking Sacrifice
President Bill Clinton has put together a solidarity pact worthy of its name. All citizens, from millionaires through the broad middle class to Social Security recipients, will have to make sacrifices to bring the budget deficit under control and promote job-creating economic growth. But even these measures will not achieve the halving of the budget deficit that Mr. Clinton promised.

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When Global Competition Means Regression at Home

By William Pfaff

MINNEAPOLIS — The international economic competition of the past decade has produced a competition in terminating jobs and reducing living standards — or so it seems to many Americans. They are right. Europeans are only now beginning to realize that the search for international competitiveness is being conducted at unacceptable human cost.

advanced economies. Productivity increase and economic rationalization are supposed to benefit all voters, not just stockholders and managers. If they prospering workers and reducing popular living standards, there will eventually be a terrible political backlash.



Clinton's Team: More Than Getting a Top-Heavy Act Together

By Jim Hoagland

WASHINGTON — Midway in a predictably upbeat statement about the start of the Clinton administration and the Japanese government made during his recent visit here, Michio Watanabe hardened his tone half an octave and almost arched an eyebrow at me. His understated gestures of exasperation introduced this request: "I would like to ask the United States to decide on who will be its sherpas."

Mr. Lake has set up three new slots at the White House to be shared among the National Security Council and the newly established National Economic Council — including a strategic slot to take over duties now handled by the State Department's undersecretary for economic affairs.

Here and There: Human Rights Should Be a Common Concern

By Michael H. Posner

NEW YORK — Delegates of Asian governments meet in Bangkok next month under United Nations auspices to shape a regional human rights agenda ahead of the world conference on human rights in Vienna. Representatives of 170 countries will meet in the Austrian capital in June for the most ambitious examination of the role of rights in the world in 25 years.

global bill of human rights. This provides a broadly accepted yardstick for defining human rights in international law and makes them universal. Both covenants have been ratified by 115 countries, including about a dozen Asian states, among them Japan, South Korea, Sri Lanka and India.

Cultures in Competition

By George Yong-Boon Yeo

The writer is Singapore's minister for information and the arts, and second minister for foreign affairs.
SINGAPORE — Economic interdependence, the revolution in communications and the global media have put cultures in contact as never before. Such encounters generate heat, in the form of tension and conflict, and light, in the form of mutual stimulation and learning.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Angry Farmers
PARIS — The explanation of the mysterious words of Agri-culture "is fraught with great danger for Germany" is now forthcoming. Five thousand of the richest and most influential farmers in Germany had held a meeting and passed a resolution demanding protection for agriculture, in terms so strong and so acrimonious that it was clear that their action was more political than agronomic.

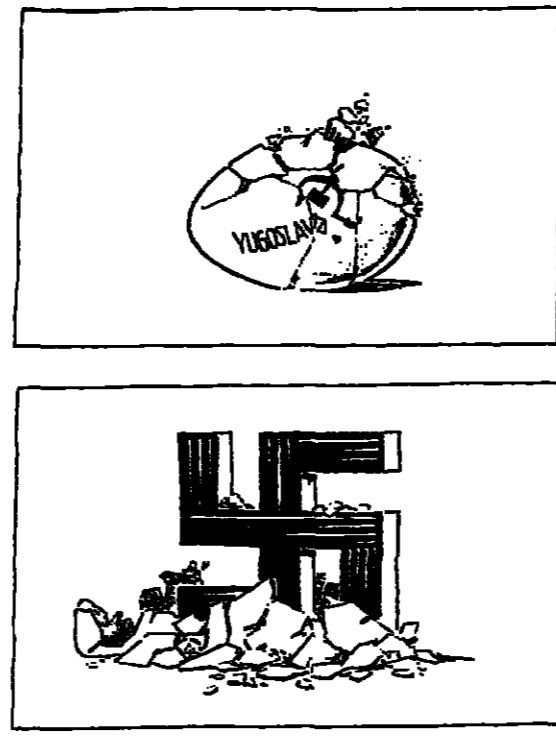
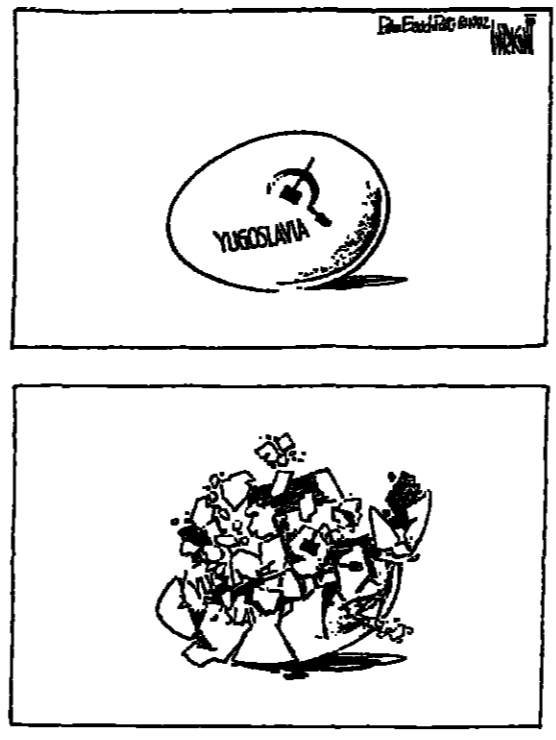
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OPINION

Take Notes, Class, So You Can Grade the Teacher

By George F. Will

WASHINGTON — Teachers are described as people who never say anything once. Bill Clinton, true to the modern notion of the president as national tutor, has embarked on a sustained seminar to teach America that the "change" it voted for means, and that deficit reduction entails substantial tax increases. Millions in the electronic classroom may be skeptical.



Tips for All Those Whiners From a Compleat Tightwad

By Amy Dacyczyn

LEEDS, Maine — For the last decade or so, we have heard a common complaint: "Families just can't survive on one income anymore."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Investing in East Germany

Regarding "The \$400 Cup: A Case History of a Failed East German Industry" (Feb. 6) by Mark Fisher:

Indeed, the German federal government is financing an enormous modernization of the infrastructure of Eastern Germany along the model that worked for the western part of Germany after World War II, bringing in the most modern technologies available.

Undeniably, the process of making the former East German economy work on its own is taking longer than most people imagined. The foreign and German press tend to emphasize the apparent hopelessness of this goal.

What Price Medical Care?

In response to "What Price a Life? For 2 Friends, a Prison Sentence" (Jan. 9):

The Right to Secede

The resumption of war in the Serbian enclave of Krajina was all too predictable. The blatant breach of the year-long truce by Croatian forces is an act of aggression, aimed at sabotaging the peace talks in Geneva and denying the indigenous Serbian population of Krajina its freedom through self-determination.

GENERAL NEWS

At Work for Gains That Are 'Unlikely'

By Caryle Murphy
WASHINGTON Post Service
CAIRO — On a typical working day, Amعاء Said, 50, sits at her desk scratching out a weekly magazine column in French.

my abilities," said Miss Abed Aly, 34, the engineer, who has held her government job for a dozen years. "I'm proving I have a life, a personality."

Egypt's prosecutor general, Ragaa Arabi, was asked how many women prosecutors were on his staff.

A Law System Let Amazon Hero's Killers Escape

By James Brooke
New York Times Service
RIO DE JANEIRO — With the killers of Francisco (Chico) Mendes Filho having escaped from jail and apparently made it to Bolivia, the widow of Brazil's slain Amazon defender asserted that the authorities had ignored repeated warnings that jail security was heedlessly lax.

guard towers and no searchlights. "This incident comes as a surprise to no one," read a protest letter sent to the Brazilian president, Itamar Franco, by five American environmental groups, led by the Environmental Defense Fund.

frigerator, Mr. Alves da Silva reportedly threatened to pay a guard to kill him.

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Moai statues dwarf a horse at Tongariki on Easter Island, where restoration work is under way.

A Turf War on Easter Island Archaeologists at Odds on Restoration of Statues

By Nathaniel C. Nash New York Times Service

HANGA ROA, Easter Island — In its time, Tongariki was the glory of Easter Island and its cult of ancestor worship. Overlooking a gentle bay on the south side of the island, it was the largest religious site in Polynesia. On its giant ahu, or temple platform, stood 15 immense stone statues, called moai, some weighing up to 70 tons. Hundreds came here to worship. They lived near the site and carved elaborate petroglyphs, or stone etchings, of giant tuna, sea turtles and birdmen. But in the last 500 years, Tongariki has suffered two devastating events. Warring island tribes overran it in the late 16th century, toppling the giant statues and breaking off their heads. Then in 1960, a tidal wave shattered what remained, lifting the moai and scattering them as far as 300 feet (90 meters) from where they once stood. It is like a graveyard of stone giants. Most lie face down, in the shadow of the Rano Raraku volcano, from which all of the island's moai were carved. But if a Japanese crane company has its way, along with Chilean archaeologists, Tongariki will re-emerge with much of its glory restored. True to the history of strife over the temple site, however, its future is clouded by a bitter dispute among archaeologists over control of the project. Last October, archaeologists began the first phases of restoring the site, a plan that will eventually include rebuilding the ahu, repairing the moai and applying space-age preservative to keep the stone from deteriorating, setting the statues back in place and reconstructing much of the living quarters around Tongariki. The Tadano company of Tokyo, manufacturer of large cranes, donated a rig for the work, plus \$700,000. Experts say it is perhaps the largest restoration project to date in Polynesia, and will eventually require another \$1.5 million in funds. "Tongariki is the most important monument in Polynesia. The restoration will not only dignify the Easter Island but all of Polynesia," said Gonzalo Figueroa, one of Chile's most noted authorities on the island, who first sailed here with Thor Heyerdahl on the Kon-Tiki in 1955. The dispute among archaeologists centers on who should manage the restoration project. Mr. Figueroa, one of three main advisers to the Chilean government on the project, has argued that the chief supervisor of the excavation should be an American archaeologist. Professor William S. Ayres of the University of Oregon, who has extensive experience on the Easter Island and in Polynesia. Mr. Figueroa argues that ultimate responsibility for the excavated material should be given to someone who has written extensively on the subject, like Dr. Ayres, to assure that all findings from the excavation eventually are made available to the public. But the notion of having an American lead the work is opposed by the Department of Social Sciences of the University of Chile, which has given direction of the excavation to a Chilean archaeologist, Claudio Cristino, working as the director of the Easter Island Museum. Mr. Cristino argues that he has more experience on the island than any other

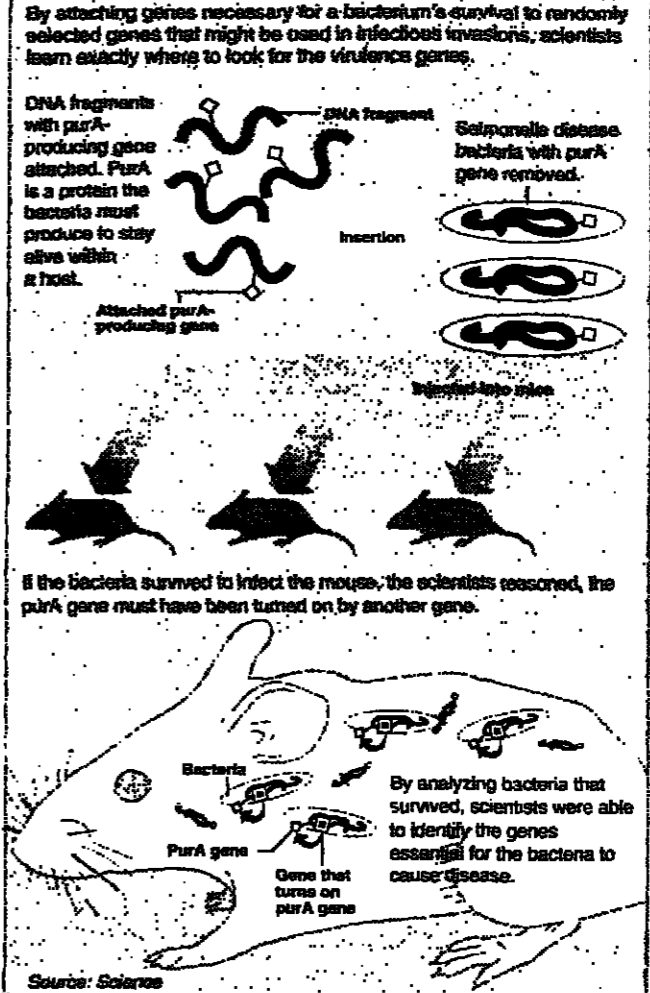
archaeologist, knows the local language and has conducted more extensive surveys of the island than Dr. Ayres. Dr. Ayres has withdrawn from the project. The University of Chile has selected Mario Orellana, chairman of the Social Science Department to oversee the project. Scientists say the first settlers arrived there in the fourth century from a more westerly Polynesian island, after the population grew too large and fighting broke out over control of resources and land. Although carving began early, it reached its highest expression in the 14th and 15th centuries, with more than 1,000 statues eventually carved. But overpopulation and an ensuing struggle for resources caused widespread deforestation on the island, eventually leaving the land treeless and nearly barren. Water supplies and wildlife greatly diminished, plunging the islanders in a rush to grab the few remaining resources. Eventually, they relied on cannibalism to supply much of their need for protein, archaeologists say. Scientists say almost overnight a society based on powerful ruling families came to a halt, turning into a society ruled by warriors that eventually became known for its Birdman cult. Islanders toppled the moai and tore down the ahus throughout the island. Although there are 300 ahus on Easter Island, and several have been restored, Tongariki is by far the most important, archaeologists say. Scientists estimate that if the stones are not protected, erosion along with tourism and vandalism could push the moai beyond recognition within 200 years.

Decoding the Strategies of Bacteria New Method Gives Clues to Pivotal Disease Genes

By Gina Kolata New York Times Service

NEW YORK — In a finding that has electrified infectious-disease researchers, scientists at Harvard University have discovered a way to learn the genetic strategies that bacteria use to cause disease. The method, researchers say, could lead to antibiotics and vaccines that are precisely aimed at disease-causing genes. It could also allow investigators to discover genes that permit some people to resist illnesses while others succumb. Dr. John J. Mekalanos, who with his colleagues at Harvard reported on the new technique recently in the journal Science, said in an interview that he had already found more than 50 so-called virulence genes with the method, applying it to bacteria that cause typhoid fever in mice. The idea is to force bacteria to reveal a set of genes that they use only when they invade living animals or people. When the microorganisms are grown on petri dishes in the laboratory, these genes are inactive, which means that researchers have had a hard time finding them. "This is the holy grail" for scientists trying to understand the molecular biology of bacterial infections, said Dr. Dale Spriggs, an infectious disease expert at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "It will have a tremendous impact. It will revolutionize the field."

Where to Look for Virulence Genes



Dr. Staffan Normark, at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, an expert on the molecular basis of bacterial illnesses, was similarly enthusiastic. He said that the method was the first step in "a new era of understanding bacterial pathogenesis." Dr. Mekalanos's method relies on the bacteria to tell him what genes they need to cause typhoid fever in mice. Essentially, he hooks a gene they need to survive to any of thousands of randomly selected bacterial genes. In this case, the gene they need is called purA. It allows bacteria to synthesize purines, which are building blocks for DNA, their genetic material. Dr. Mekalanos hooks the randomly chosen gene to purA and inserts the gene pair into bacteria that have no other purA gene and infects animals. The randomly selected genes include those that are essential in causing disease, the "virulence genes," although there is no way of knowing which genes these are. The

researchers arranged the two added genes so that the randomly selected gene controls both its own expression and that of purA. If the randomly selected gene is a virulence gene, it will be turned on, and so will purA. If it is not a virulence gene, it will not be turned on and neither will purA. In that case, the bacteria will not survive in the mice. With this method, the researchers know that the only bacteria that survived were the ones with an added virulence gene. And they know exactly where to look to isolate that gene. Dr. Mekalanos said he studied the new method in Salmonella typhimurium, the mouse typhoid fever organism, because it grows quickly and easily in the laboratory and in animals. In mice the bacteria initially grow in the intestine but

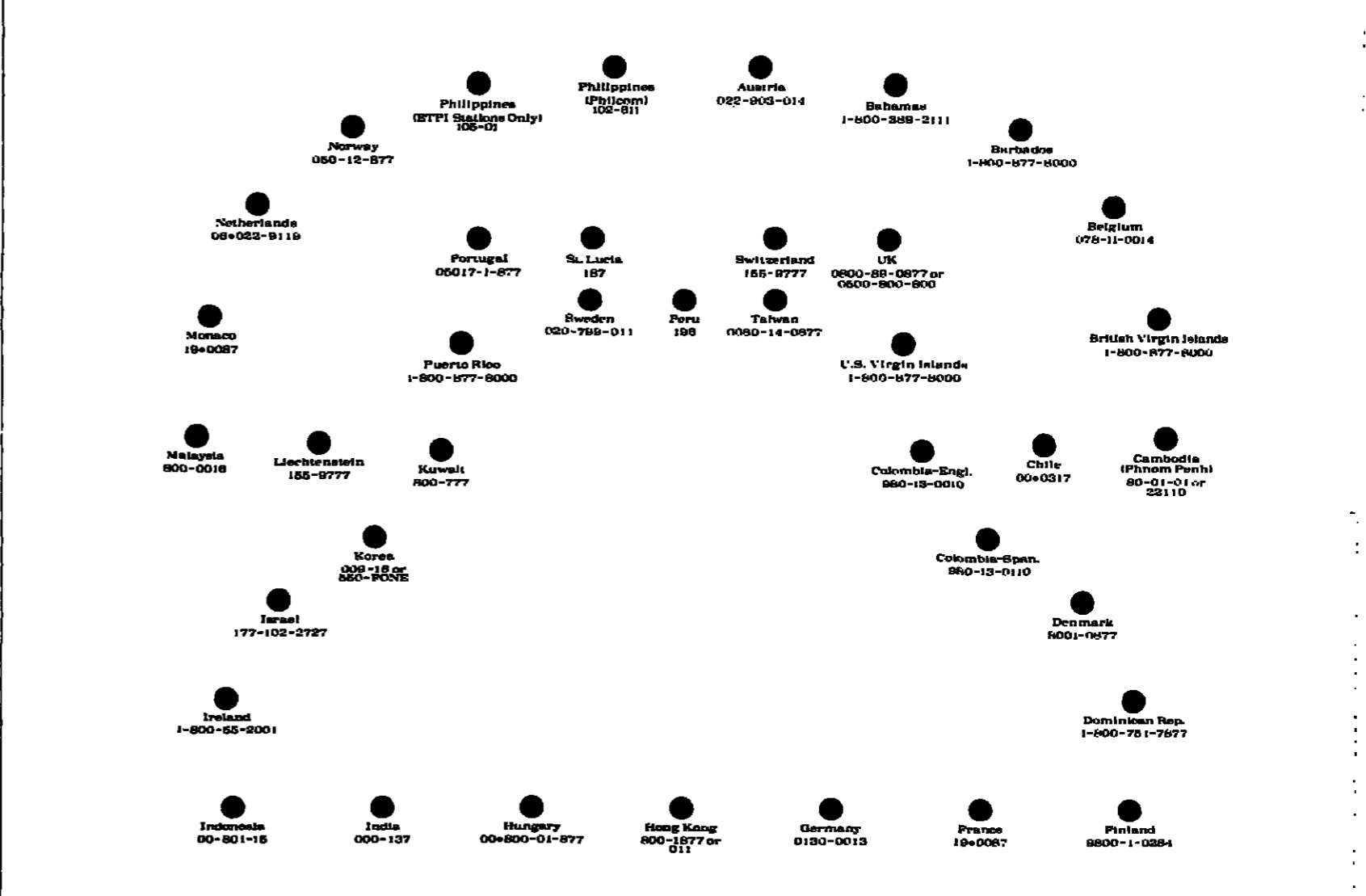
then spread to the bloodstream, where they spew out toxins that set off exaggerated immune system responses, eventually killing the animals. The same thing occurs when people die of typhoid fever, Dr. Mekalanos said. He added that he and others expected to use the new method to find virulence genes for other organisms, including the mycobacteria that cause tuberculosis. The tuberculosis studies are more tedious, however, because it takes three to four weeks for enough mycobacteria to grow to form a colony in the laboratory. Salmonella, in contrast, forms a colony in 18 hours, Dr. Mekalanos said. So far, the search for virulence genes of Salmonella has yielded some surprises. The newly uncovered genes include, for example, ones that allow bacteria to make another class of DNA building blocks, the pyrimidines. This was a surprise, Dr. Mekalanos said, because scientists had assumed that there were plenty of pyrimidines present in animal tissues from the normal death and breakdown of host cells. Bacteria, they thought, would have no need to make their own pyrimidines. "It may be that we have evolved very clever mechanisms to withhold these building blocks from the bacteria," Dr. Mekalanos said. ANOTHER virulence gene allows the bacteria to rearrange their DNA. In one case, this rearrangement lets the bacteria change one type of flagella, a whip-like appendage that the organisms use to swim, into another type of flagella. Another rearrangement allows bacteria to get rid of their pilli, the hairs that let them cling to the intestine, when they move from the intestine to the bloodstream. Dr. Mekalanos said that "it may be that as soon as the bacteria move into tissue, they know they have pilli and they know they don't want pilli." When the bacteria are outside the intestine, pilli make them stick to white blood cells that engulf and kill them. Dr. Mekalanos said he was optimistic that the discovery of virulence genes would lead to new drugs and vaccines. "We think we will define key metabolic pathways that must be expressed in bacteria for them to be able to divide and multiply in their hosts," he said. "These pathways are potential targets for drugs. That's where the big payoff would be." Dr. Normark said he envisioned another payoff. It should also be possible to look at how the same virulence genes act in genetically different strains of mice. This would be a first step toward understanding how genes in the host affect bacteria's ability to infect them. "It can explain why one individual gets sick and another doesn't," he said. "That's one of the really exciting features." Dr. Stanley Falkow, a microbiologist at Stanford University, said that the new method reflected a new direction in research on bacterial pathogenesis. "We are increasingly attuned to the subtleties of interaction" between bacteria and their hosts, he said. "It's not just a matter of bacteria spewing out poison. The invasion has a kind of aggressive overtone." And the new method, he added, "is really going to open this up."

Vasectomy: Prostate Risk? Two Studies Suggest a Possible Link to Cancer

By Lawrence K. Altman New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Two new studies reported on Wednesday add to evidence that a vasectomy may increase a man's risk of developing prostate cancer. The findings are not definitive, but experts not directly involved in the studies call the studies scientifically well designed, adding that they underscore the need for further research to assess the possible hazards of this effective and widely used method of contraception. The studies found that men who had a vasectomy more than 20 years earlier faced up to an 89 percent greater risk of prostate cancer than men who had not had a vasectomy. The studies also found that the more time that had passed since a vasectomy, the greater was the risk of developing prostate cancer. The studies, reported in The Journal of the American Medical Association, were largely financed by the National Institutes of Health. They were conducted by a team headed by Dr. Edward Giovannucci from the Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard University in Boston. Experts said the findings did not establish a cause and effect relationship, merely a statistical association that required further study. No plausible biological cause for the association is yet evident. The experts also noted that the studies might have been influenced by factors that could not be detected with the methods used, and that they conflicted with other studies that did not find a link between vasectomies and prostate cancer. Four previous studies found such a link, and three others found none. "The data are far too preliminary to consider vasectomy reversal to reduce the risk of prostate cancer," an editorial in the same issue of the journal said. The editorial urged men who have had a vasectomy to undergo annual checkups for prostate cancer, which is the recommendation made by the urological group and the American Cancer Society for men 50 to 70 years old. The World Health Organization said the studies

were not definitive but "of high scientific quality" and that the scientific design of the studies avoided many of the methodological problems of earlier studies, some of which did not find a link between vasectomy and prostate cancer. Vasectomy is a minor surgical sterilization procedure that can be performed quickly under local anesthesia. The World Health Organization estimates that more than 42 million couples throughout the world rely on vasectomy for family planning. In the United States, more than 15 percent of men over the age of 40 have had a vasectomy. Experts in the United States and at WHO said that additional studies were urgently needed because confirmation of the latest findings would have a critical effect on family planning programs. Crucial information could come from at least six ongoing studies in the United States and Europe, WHO said. The agency also said it was planning to begin pilot studies later this year in four developing countries where vasectomies are widely used. A MAJOR problem in assessing the health risks of vasectomy is that both the procedure and prostate cancer are common and have been increasing among American men. But the incidence of prostate cancer is much less frequent in developing countries than in developed countries. The incidence is 50 times as high in the United States as in China, for example. Even if future studies establish a firm link between vasectomy and prostate cancer, the procedure could not explain all cases of prostate cancer. One in 11 men in the United States will develop prostate cancer, and the overwhelming majority will not have had a vasectomy. The unanswered question is whether vasectomy changes a man's odds of developing prostate cancer, and by how much. Critics said that because the precise risk factors for prostate cancer were not known, there was no sure way to be certain that the true factors were equally distributed in the studies between men who had undergone a vasectomy and those who had not.



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IN BRIEF

Genetic Injection NEW YORK (NYT) — Using a modified virus as a vehicle, scientists have been able to introduce new genetic material into the cells of an animal's brain. Scientists hope the technique will lead to treating such conditions as Parkinson's disease. In a study in the journal Science, researchers replaced the harmful genes in a virus with other selected genes and then inserted the modified virus into the nerve cells of rats. 'Old' Arteries WASHINGTON (WP) — When pathologists performed autopsies on young American soldiers killed in the Korean War in the 1950s, they were astonished to find "old" arteries — arteries clogged by cholesterol — in a large number. Now, Johns Hopkins researchers have followed a group of men, starting in their 20s, for 40 years. They found men in their 20s with high cholesterol are most likely to develop heart disease and die from it.

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MARKET DIARY

Yen and Mark Rise As Dollar Falts

Completed by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — The Deutsche mark advanced on Wednesday...

for improving business conditions, he said, was better than in Japan. Meanwhile, the dollar's direction was uncertain after steep falls on Tuesday...

Foreign Exchange

ton's State of the Union address, and it fell to 1.6236 DM from 1.6280 and dropped to 119.650 yen from 119.975.

Henning Christophersen, the European Community's finance commissioner, was reported by some news agencies to have said he expected the G-7 to fashion an accord for the yen to "move upwards against the dollar" but "in such a way as not to hamper the declining rates of interest in the world" and not to "cause inflationary pressure."

Later, Reuters reported, he denied having said that, adding he had said he hoped Japan would adopt an economic-growth package that would result in a stronger yen.

Traders and investors were skeptical, though, about whether the weak Japanese economy justified such a yen advance. "Japanese economic fundamentals don't call for the yen to be at this level," said Paul Farrell, vice president at Chase Manhattan Bank. The U.S. outlook

Among European currencies, meanwhile, the mark strengthened, despite a small easing move by the Bundesbank. Jitters hit the exchange-rate mechanism of the European Monetary System as a French opposition politician said the franc would have to be floated if Germany did not sharply trim interest rates.

In London, the mark ended the day at 3.8375 francs, up from about 3.8577 on Tuesday. The gains were limited by a late comment from Theo Waigel, the German finance minister, who said his country would face EMS challenges together with France.

Elsewhere in Europe, the lira was under pressure because of the uncertain political situation in Italy. The mark rose to 949.50 lire in London from 944.50 on Tuesday. The mark rose to 73.265 yen from 73.240, but was down from an intraday high of 73.970. (Reuters, Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder)

HOMES: A Blow to Recovery

(Continued from first finance page) man far weaker than those of the past," said Bruce Steinberg, an economist at Merrill Lynch in New York.

Building permits, a barometer of future construction, decreased 1.7 percent in January to 1.18 million, after rising 6.7 percent in December to 1.26 million.

"The decline in permits would not suggest as drastic a decline in starts as 7.2 percent," said Marilyn Scheja, an economist at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette in New York. "We expect a bounce-back in starts."

By category, single-family home starts decreased 5.6 percent and starts of apartments and condominiums fell 19.7 percent. January's overall 7.2 percent decrease was the largest decline since a 16.9 percent loss in April 1992, the government spokesman said. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

N.Y. Stocks

Prices closed mixed on the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday as investors focused on the prospect of spending cuts in President Bill Clinton's State of the Union address late in the evening.

Bloomberg Business News reported on Wednesday. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 270 points to 3,312.19, recouping a fraction of Tuesday's 82.94-point plunge.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 0.61 to 433.30. The Nasdaq Composite Index continued to slide, dropping 5.95 to 659.44. Declining common stocks outperformed advanced 5-3 on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume at more than 290 million shares, was down from 325 million on Tuesday, but still active.

Health-care and some pharmaceutical stocks continued to weaken amid worries about possible tax amendments and price controls. Merck & Co. fell 1/2% to 37 3/4, and Pfizer Inc. dropped 1/4% to 59 1/4. U.S. Healthcare, which fell 2% Tuesday, eased 1 to 44 1/2. United Healthcare lost 2 1/4 to 48 1/2. His remarks were interpreted as a reference to Saudi Arabia.

Confidence in the agreement was undermined by remarks made by the Kuwaiti oil minister, Al al-Baghl, in Vienna immediately after the meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, that his country would exceed its quota if others did so.

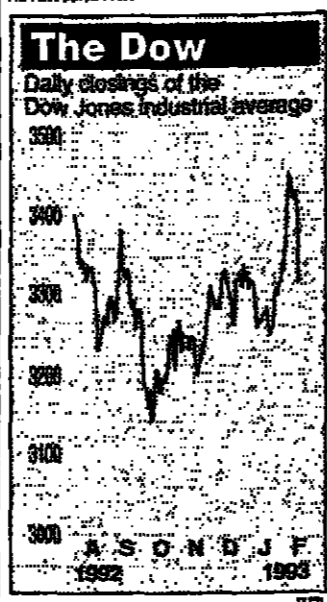


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TWA Files Reorganization Proposal KANSAS CITY, Missouri (Reuters) — Trans World Airlines said Wednesday it had joined with its official unsecured creditors' committee to file a proposed plan of reorganization for the company in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware.

Parretti and Packer Vying for MGM? NEW YORK (Reuters) — Reports of buyers for MGM-Pathe Com-munications surfaced on opposite sides of the world Wednesday, one involving Kerry Packer of Australia, another naming Giancarlo Parretti, who won and lost the movie studio in deals with its current owner, Credit Lyonnais.

Hewlett Profit Falls as Orders Rise PALO ALTO, California (AP) — Hewlett-Packard Co. said Wednesday that its earnings had fallen 13 percent in its financial first quarter, even as revenue and orders rose.

B.F. Goodrich to Spin Off Vinyl Unit AKRON, Ohio (Bloomberg) — B.F. Goodrich Co. said Wednesday it was filing a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission to sell about half the common stock of its Geon vinyl division, which Goodrich plans to establish as a separate company as of March 1.

United to Sell Flight Kitchens CHICAGO (AP) — United Airlines put its 17 flight kitchens up for sale Wednesday, a move that would cut another 5,800 workers from the airline's payroll.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

Large table titled 'WORLD STOCK MARKETS' showing stock market performance across various international markets including Amsterdam, Helsinki, Hong Kong, Brussels, Johannesburg, Frankfurt, London, Milan, Sao Paulo, Singapore, Zurich, and Montreal.

OPEC Fails to Buy Oil Price

LONDON — Oil prices fell steadily on Wednesday amid market doubts about the effectiveness of an OPEC output agreement concluded in Vienna on Tuesday. April futures for Brent Blend crude fell 42 cents per barrel in London, to \$17.75 in trading. March futures for West Texas intermediate eased 21 cents to \$19.32 in New York.

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First City's Woes Rattle Thai Markets

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BANGKOK — The Thai stock market was unable to recover Wednesday from a wave of early selling over the announcement that First City Investment Co. had been forced to defer repaying matured deposits, brokers said. This is panic selling, as the FCI case is quite serious, said Sathid Sabhitrakorn, marketing executive at Ekchart Finance & Securities Co. The SET index closed at 973.24, down 13.41 points, after recovering from an early 970 to about 980 a few hours later. Trading in First City shares was suspended. When First City told authorities that it had not had sufficient funds to honor repayment on its promissory notes since Monday, the central bank responded immediately by freezing the finance company's assets and announcing an investigation into its financial position. The central bank made clear, however, that First City's license was not revoked and that the government was optimistic that efforts to find a financial backer for the company would pay off soon. But brokers said the market was waiting to see who the Bank of Thailand would be able to convince to rescue First City, which has faced a steady public run since November. The central bank has already publicly approached Bangkok Bank, one of Thailand's most profitable banks, but negotiations have not yet been concluded. The latest development caps a series of blows to First City. Investors first started to shun the company and withdraw deposits when the fledgling Thai Securities and Exchange Commission launched an investigation of stock manipulation. A related development, the stock exchange limited trading Wednesday in the shares of Rattana Real Estate Co. and demanded a report on its assets because of its relationship to First City. Patcharee Wongpatton, a daughter of the former deputy prime minister, Bichai Rattakul, is the major shareholder of both Rattana and First City. Rattana shares hit their 10 percent downward limit at noon, falling 5.50 baht to 52.20 baht (\$2.04). The price had been as high as 232 baht on Nov. 2. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

Seoul Sees Danger In U.S. Tariffs

The Associated Press SEOUL — South Korea's semiconductor industry warned Wednesday that punitive U.S. tariffs against Korean chips would revive a Japanese monopoly of the American semiconductor market. The warning comes a day after the failure of talks between Seoul and Washington on easing trade friction over semiconductors. Seoul officials now say imposition of dumping duties appears inevitable. In a ruling last Oct. 1, the U.S. Commerce Department said Samsung Electronics Co., Hyundai Electronics Co. and Goldstar Electronics Co. were dumping dynamic random-access memory chips.

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Toyota's Thai Expansion Toyota Motor Thailand, the country's largest carmaker, said Wednesday it would invest 9 billion baht over the next four years for new assembly and training facilities, Bloomberg Business News reported from Bangkok. The expansion will double annual production capacity to 200,000 vehicles by 1997.

A Bitter Pill for Seoul Stocks

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SEOUL — South Koreans have been increasingly vocal in seeking reforms of their financial system, but the appointment of a liberal as the incoming president's chief economic adviser gave the stock market a jolt Wednesday, raising fears that attacks on some of its clubby practices would hurt prices. The Composite index dropped 7.10 points, or 1.05 percent, to 665.12; volume was low at 24.4 million shares. Kim Young Sam, the president elect, appointed Park Ja Yoon, 51, as his senior secretary for economic affairs. "Mr. Park is an expert on the financial sector, and we anticipate financial liberalization plans will be pushed quickly ahead," an official of the Bank of Korea said. Private-sector bankers said the central bank stood to gain increased independence from the Finance Ministry under Mr. Park. He is a university professor who has been a proponent of reducing the state's presence in the financial sector, a legacy of the 1960s, when South Korea embarked on a government-planned development program. Mr. Park has refused to divulge his plans. But he was an adviser to Mr. Kim for the election, and the president-elect campaigned on a plank of reinvigorating a sagging economy and fighting corruption. "We need overall economic reform," said Kim Jun Sun, senior analyst at Jardine Fleming Securities. "To this end, financial liberalization is a must." But the stock market failed to take the long-term view. Some investors fear that Mr. Park will succeed in ending the entrenched system of trading under pseudonyms, using to launder money by black-market dealers and tax evaders. Last spring, the Finance Ministry unveiled a three-part plan running through December 1997 that would liberalize interest rates, allow foreigners into the domestic bond market, develop short-term credit markets and improve access to the stock market for overseas investors. But many observers were skeptical the changes would be carried out. Adding to the stock market's worries was fear that several large companies would be investigated by tax authorities. "A rumor that current tax investigation into large companies will be extended to other companies discourages stock investors, particularly so when several companies are believed to be on the verge of bankruptcy," said Lee Won Keun, a trader at Jardine Fleming. Hyundai Motor Co., Daewoo Corp. and Pohang Iron & Steel Co. are under investigation. It was rumored other big companies and loan sharks who speculate in the stock market also are on the list. Choi Hyunil, who works in the Office of National Tax Administration, confirmed that other companies, which he would not identify, were undergoing routine investigations. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

Tokyo Bond Yields Heading Down

Speaking at a news conference Wednesday, Yasushi Mieno, the governor of the Bank of Japan, said he was concerned about the sharply rising value of the yen against other currencies. "Rapid fluctuation is not desirable," the central bank chief said. The yen closed at 119.25 to the dollar Wednesday, equalling a record high last October. The yield on the key 14th cash yen bond hit a five-year low of 4.140 percent in afternoon trading on strong bidding by dealers and investors. The previous low was 4.095 percent on Feb. 5, 1988. "The current market situation is forcing us to gobble up Japanese government bonds across the board," said a portfolio manager at a major investment-trust management company. Many investors who had been wary of buying long-dated cash bonds due to the risk of a sudden reverse in yields are now keen to buy longer bonds, like the 15-year cash bonds. The 14th cash bond rebounded temporarily after a 0.75 percentage point cut in the discount rate in early February to 2.50 percent. Recent bullish moves could lower coupon rates of monthly issued 10-year government bonds as well as five-year bank debentures, and long-term prime rates. (Reuters, AFP)

China Opens Oil Reserves To Foreigners

BEIJING — China opened parts of its most closely guarded oil reserves to foreign exploration on Wednesday in the hope that overseas expertise will get crude flowing. Wang Tao, president of China National Petroleum Corp., said foreigners could prospect in 12 new offshore areas — including part of the vast Tarim Basin desert in the far western Xinjiang region. The Tarim Basin has been estimated to hold as much oil as the whole North Sea and perhaps even more. But its remote location and underdeveloped infrastructure have kept it from realizing even a fraction of its potential. Beijing estimates total potential reserves in the 410,790 square kilometers (159,000 square miles) opened up Wednesday to be 8.2 billion metric tons of oil and 2.5 trillion cubic meters (88.2 trillion cubic feet) of gas. Mr. Wang said the first bidding would be held in March for five sectors in the southeastern Tarim, an area of interest to foreigners. Foreign oil companies have been frustrated for years in trying to develop China's offshore oil potential, which has yielded disappointing results. Many companies have hoped for rights to the Tarim and other potentially rich offshore sites. China previously opened 11 onshore areas in southern provinces. The other new areas for exploration are Sanjiang in Heilongjiang Province; Hailar, Inner Mongolia; Baoding, Hebei Province; beach areas of Bohai Bay in Hebei and Shandong provinces, and the city of Tianjin, Zhoushou, Henan Province, and Henan in Henan Province and Inner Mongolia, and north of the Caidamu Basin in Qinghai Province.

Investor's Asia

Table with columns for Exchange, Index, and Wednesday Close. Includes data for Hong Kong, Singapore, Sydney, Tokyo, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Seoul, Taipei, Manila, Jakarta, New Zealand, and Bombay. Includes line graphs for Hang Seng, Straits Times, and Nikkei 225.

Source: Reuters, AFP

Very briefly:

- Mitsubishi Ltd. is to close two core department stores in Tokyo and Osaka 30 minutes earlier each day, the cost-cutting move, the first in Mitsubishi's 89 years, comes amid a slump in consumer demand. Fujitsu Ltd. made its first direct entry into the consumer-electronics market by offering a CD-ROM machine that allows users to play multimedia video games on television sets. Taiwan's Finance Ministry said it hoped to privatize 10 percent of Chang Kuo Insurance Co. by the end of June, one of 22 companies the government aims to sell off in a \$20 billion privatization program. China's Guangxi province reportedly is setting up its own regional airline company with first flights scheduled for June. China wants changes in the procedures for listing new issues in Hong Kong to prevent massive oversubscriptions and ease the way for nine more Chinese companies to obtain listings this year, an official said. Industrial Bank of Japan Ltd. and Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan Ltd. had their credit ratings downgraded by Standard & Poor's Inc. because of "asset quality problems."

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SPORTS



Jean-Pierre Papin, flying in Tel Aviv, forced Israeli goalkeeper Benny Ginsburg to make two brilliant saves before Eric Cantona put France ahead in the 26th minute.

Striker Platt Gets 4 Goals As England Wins by 6-0

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
Striker David Platt scored four goals, even though he missed on a penalty shot, as England overpowered San Marino, 6-0, Wednesday night at Wembley in a qualifying match for the 1994 World Cup.
Platt's first two goals gave England a 2-0 halftime lead at Wembley. He then scored the third in the 67th minute and the fifth seven minutes from the end.
Platt's chance to get his fifth, and tie the England record for a match, came in the last few seconds, when Loris Zanotti brought down Tony Dorigo. But goalkeeper Pier Luigi Bendocchini guessed correctly and dove to his left to block Platt's well-placed penalty.

Whitbread Yachts: The Race Has Begun, to Merger

By Barbara Lloyd
New York Times Service
NEW YORK — A race boat's nationality is usually marked by the flag it flies. But in this year's Whitbread Round the World Race, mergers of every sort are shaping campaigns into multinational alliances.
They include rather obscure efforts by yachtmen from the former Soviet Union. Others are more highly charged campaigns led by newcomers to the round-the-world scene like Chris Dickson of New Zealand and Dennis Conner of San Diego.

Gascoigne-Lineker Match Slated for Japan in May

Former England and Tottenham Hotspur teammates Paul Gascoigne and Gary Lineker will face off in Japan in May, two weeks before the debut of the country's new professional league, a league spokesman said Wednesday.
Gascoigne's Italian team, Lazio, will play Grampus Eight of Nagoya, Lineker's new club, in Tokyo's National Stadium on May 2. Lazio is one of five foreign clubs invited to Japan to help the 10 teams of the new J-League warm up ahead of the start of the league program on May 15.

Japanese Paddles In From Hawaii

The Associated Press
TOKYO — Veteran yachtsman Kenichi Horie arrived Wednesday on the southern Japanese island of Okinawa aboard his 7.9-meter (26-foot) long plastic boat, having paddled it 7,500 kilometers (4,500 miles) from Honolulu.
"Whatever I want to do now is to take a bath," he said after a 107-day solo crossing of the Pacific on a boat whose propeller is powered by bicycle pedals.
Horie, 54, who has sailed non-stop and alone around the world, said that "compared with previous voyages, I didn't run into any tropical storms or typhoons at all so I didn't have any trouble."

SIDELINES

Belcher Signs With Angry Reds
CINCINNATI (AP) — Pitcher Tim Belcher agreed to a one-year, \$3.75 million contract Wednesday with the Cincinnati Reds, avoiding an arbitration hearing scheduled for Thursday morning.
The agreement came after arbitrator Richard Bloch's ruling that awarded All-Star second baseman Big Red's \$3.9 million for 1993, a decision that the Reds' general manager, Jim Bowden, called "a disgrace." The Reds had offered \$2.7 million to Roberts, who made \$1.5 million last year.
Belcher, who had a 15-14 record and 3.91 ERA last year, had submitted a \$4 million figure for arbitration, compared with the \$2.1 million he made last season. The Reds had offered \$3.3 million.

For the Record

Prime Minister John Major said his government has pledged £75 million (\$109 million) to Manchester's bid to stage the 2000 Olympic Games, and would guarantee that all facilities are built, partly by private financing and partly by public funding.
Alexander Karlovich, the Olympic superheavyweight champion, failed a drug test just before going to Manchester, the CIS assistant trainer, Leonty Goncharenko, said Wednesday, confirming a Soviet sports newspaper report quoting the chief trainer, Vasilii Alexeyev. Goncharenko said former Soviet Olympic champions Anatoli Khrapaty and Yuri Zakharovich has also used drugs.
Olympic medalist Edward Zerkova has been charged with drunken driving in the crash last week that killed his fiancée, world champion rhythmic gymnast Oksana Kostina, Moscow police said.

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SCOREBOARD

Table of sports scores including NBA Standings, Major College Scores, and various league results. Lists teams and their respective scores.

HOCKEY

Table of hockey scores including NHL Standings, WALSLEY CONFERENCE, and SPANISH CUP. Lists teams and their respective scores.

TRANSACTIONS

Table of sports transactions including BASEBALL, SOCCER, and CRICKET. Lists player names, teams, and contract details.

ART BUCHWALD

Frequent-Flier Suicide

WASHINGTON — Every time you see an aviation executive on television, he's crying poverty. All the airlines are losing money and nobody knows why.



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The airlines seem to be the only industry that gives away the very commodity they're supposed to be selling.

Jay McKenzie, the marketing director for Southern Freebie Airlines, is very proud of his company's free mileage policy.

Exhibition of Rodin Is Opened in Beijing

BEIJING — Chinese lined up in the cold for the opening at the China Art Gallery of an exhibition of Rodin's works.

There have been only a few exhibitions in China of Western artists in the past decade. The month-long exhibit will also go to Shanghai.

Singing the Blues, in More Ways Than One

By Richard Harrington

WASHINGTON — "I hope I lose these blues as I get a little older, so blues get off my shoulder." Thirty-six years older than when he first recorded "Blues Get Off My Shoulder," Bobby Parker is still trying to lose the blues.



Bobby Parker's new album comes after three decades of obscurity and neglect.

able since the early '60s. But you could hear Parker's "Watch Your Step" on "Led Zeppelin II": The song "Moby Dick" is a note-for-note ripoff (credited to drummer John Bonham and bassist John Paul Jones).

Part of the problem, Parker admits decades too late, is that "I didn't do my homework when it came to protections. We just cut songs. And all of 'em got away from me."

ably mid-50s. The hair is so spectacular that it has created a running joke among his peers. They attribute Parker Standard Time — he arrives two hours late for rehearsals, doesn't bother showing up for interviews — to obsessive hair care.

"I don't care what they think," Parker responds, a tad testily. He is in the basement of his town house in Clinton, Maryland, where he's built a studio. It is crammed with recording equipment, hair products and mirrors, including one motorcycle-style number attached to a stool that allows Parker a view of the back of his pompadour.

Like the album, the new Bobby Parker Band is part of a reclamation project that

has enveloped its subject off and on for close to a quarter of a century. Bobby Parker has seemed indifferent to the pull of fame. And yet, once upon a time, some folks thought Bobby Parker might become another Jimi Hendrix. That was in 1969, when Fleetwood Mac invited Parker to England, where he was already familiar to the white blues mafia, which included Jimmy Page, Eric Clapton and John Mayall.

"It was a great experience," says Parker of his long-ago squoorn, "but they wanted me to act like Hendrix and I was a traditional bluesman. It was a disappointment that everybody was channeled that way and not perceptive to other things."

Unfortunately, Parker had little control over his guitar riffs, particularly the one in "Watch Your Step." It wasn't long before Parker heard it again, barely disguised in the British Walkers' local hit, "Watch Yourself," then in his pal Link Wray's "Black Widow" and, most notably, in Led Zeppelin's "Moby Dick."

"I felt ripped off," he concedes. "A lot of people were playing that lick on different songs. Jimmy Page once told me, 'We really did like that song — that riff opened up a lot of avenues.'"

Unfortunately, it didn't open them for Bobby Parker. He got no royalties from V-Tone and none from the purloined version by Led Zeppelin.

Parker has never sued anyone for copyright infringement of "Watch Your Step," but even if he did, he doesn't own most of his rights in the early '70s to New York publisher Ivan Mogull for \$1,000.

Today, what Parker wants most is to impress his family back in California. "The family hated me, they hate me today," he says flatly. "It was always 'He ain't going to do nothing.' Now I want to regain my self-respect with my people out there. Other than my lady here, I really don't have no family and it bugs me."

PEOPLE

Oscars: 'Unforgiven,' 'Howards End' Lead

"Howards End," the lush English drama about love transcending class lines, and Clint Eastwood's revisionist Western "Unforgiven" lead the Academy Award nominations with nine apiece. They were nominated for best picture, as were "The Crying Game," "A Few Good Men" and "Scent of a Woman." Nominations for best actor were Eastwood; Al Pacino for "Scent of a Woman"; Stephen Rea, "The Crying Game"; Denzel Washington, "Malcolm X"; and Robert Downey Jr., "Chaplin."

Best actress selections: Emma Thompson for "Howards End"; Michelle Pfeiffer, "Love Field"; Mary McCormack, "Passion Fish"; and Catherine Deneuve, "Indochine." Eastwood directed a select group nominated for acting and directing in the same year. Other directing selections were James Ivory for "Watch Your Step," Robert Altman for "The Player," Neil Jordan for "The Crying Game" and Martin Brest for "Scent of a Woman."

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WEATHER

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Forecast for Friday through Sunday. Includes maps of North America, Europe, and Asia with weather symbols. Text describes storm systems moving across the continent.

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CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid and clues. Clues include: 1. Certain compensation, 2. Many moons, for short, 3. Actor Alan and family, 4. Cheer for Battle, 5. Become cognizant, 6. Swerve, 7. Jap. rulers, 8. Acquire without credit, 9. Shakespearian villain, 10. Toxic insecticide, 11. Inge's "Stop", 12. Metamorphosis, 13. Cloudlike actor, 14. Thin, 15. Endured, 16. Most of Walton's gear, 17. Bath accessory, 18. Wander, 19. Invitation abbr., 20. Affirmatives, 21. Pequot captain, 22. "Bad Influence" actor, 23. Obstacle, 24. Mindanao port, 25. Change the label, 26. Old Glory sans psalm, 27. Void, 28. Needle case, 29. Storage base, 30. De Klerk's predecessor, 31. Consume, 32. Transmits, 33. Sharp, abrupt sound, 34. De Klerk's predecessor, 35. Poet Sexton, 36. W.W. II landing craft, 37. Gaelic headgear.

BOOKS

THE RULES OF SEDUCTION

By Daniel L. Magida. 422 pages. \$21.95. Houghton Mifflin.

Reviewed by Lawrence S. Dietz

ABOUT 35 years ago John O'Hara's work fell out of favor with New York's literary establishment, which was losing interest in WASPs. O'Hara's universe was bounded by Back Bay Boston on the north and the Philadelphia Main Line on the south, with an occasional stop in Gibbsville, Pennsylvania. New York began embracing work about a grittier, urban world.

I mention this because I was struck, reading Daniel Magida's compelling account of a young man's coming of age, at the strange contemporary intersection of old money and New York ennui (the world of downtown nightclubs, cocaine and casual bisexuality), that it is not unlike O'Hara. I mean that to be a serious compliment.

Magida tells us the story of John Newland's 28th birthday, the date when the trusts established for him terminate. Newland has been carrying around some heavy baggage for 13 years: His parents were killed in a car crash one summer evening, returning from a dinner party with his lawyer father's most important client, a party young John refused to attend.

fact make good neighbors." It was a childhood world of genteel privilege, of proper schools, dancing classes, and most of all, a sense of societal place. And all WASP. This prepares him to prowling the New York streets as a magazine writer. The outfit he works for is "the plaything of a rich lady of a certain age, whose goal was to own a publication that none of her friends would read through all of them did." Newland writes about movies and also covers, with a lot of what New Yorkers proudly call "attitude," cultural events of a sort to which he is invited because of his family background.

both men and women. He rarely accedes to the desires of the former, more often to the latter. The title of the book, far more risqué than its content, refers to Newland's practice of not initiating sexual encounters. Newland has agreed, more from psychic inertia than from passion, to become engaged to a beautiful woman who seems, to anyone who has spent a lifetime reading the society announcements in The New York Times, to be the perfect match: Kate Welland, the daughter of the head of the bank that administers Newland's family trust. In Kate's world, "men worked and women arranged. Even when women worked, they worked at jobs that were just another form of arranging, like Kate's job publishing art books, setting up gallery shows." Kate is off on a two-week trip to Switzerland when Newland's birthday rolls around. He reluctantly celebrates with friends in a club, alternating glasses of Wild Turkey and lines of cocaine in the men's room. Disgusted with himself, he flees. After he passes out, Timothy, one of his friends, takes him to a vacation house in northwestern Connecticut.

When Newland wakes up, sober, he decides to stay on with his friend, and then, suddenly, falls in love with Timothy's sister, Ellen. "The Rules of Seduction" is about the decision Newland must make between the two women, and his discovery that his editor values his talent more than his social connections. Lawrence S. Dietz wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

ON the diagrammed deal from a major British event, South was headed for catastrophe. He could not open one no-trump because the British style was to use that bid as weak when not vulnerable. He ventured the bid on the next round, rather than passing, after the opponents had each bid a major suit. North naturally thought that South held a stronger hand with a heart stopper, and raised. East naturally doubled, and South had nowhere to go.

Bridge bidding chart showing North and South hands and possible bids. Includes a diagram of the deal.

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